

BY ALL YOUR SAINTS STILL STRIVING

1. By all your saints still striving, for all your saints at rest,
*2. A - pos - tles, proph - ets, mar - tyrs, and all the no - ble throng
3. Then let us praise the Fa - ther and wor - ship God the Son

1. Your ho - ly Name, O Je - sus, For ev - er - more be blessed.
2. Who wear the spot - less rai - ment And raise the cease - less song:
3. And sing to God the Spir - it, E - ter - nal Three in One,

1. You rose, our King vic - to - rious, That they might wear the crown
2. For them and those whose re - demp - tion Is on - ly known to you
3. Till all the ran - som - num - ber Who stand be - fore the throne,

1. And ev - er shine in heav - en - flect - ed from your throne.
2. By walk - ing in their foot - steps We give you praise a - new.
3. A - scribe all pow'r and glo - ry An - d praise to God a - lone.

*This verse may be replaced by an appropriate Alternate Verse found on the following two pages.

Alternate Verses

Conversion of St. Paul (January 25)

4. Praise for the light from heaven
And for the voice of awe,
Praise for the glorious vision
The persecutor saw.
O Lord, for Paul's conversion
We bless your Name today,
Come shine within our darkness
And guide us in the Way.

Ss. Philip and James (May 3)

9. We praise you, Lord, for Philip,
Blest guide to Greek and Jew,
And for young James the faithful,
Who heard and followed you,
Grant us grace to know you,
The victor in the strife,
That we with all your servants
May wear the crown of life.

Chair of St. Peter (February 22)

5. We praise you, Lord, for Peter,
So eager and so bold:
Thrice falling, yet repentant,
Thrice charged to feed your flock,
Lord, make your pastors faithful
To guard your flock from harm,
And hold them when they waver
With your almighty arm.

St. Matthias (May 13)

10. For one in place of Judas,
Whom the apostles sought God's choice:
The lot fell to Matthias
For whom we now rejoice.
May we like true apostles
Your holy Church defend,
And not betray our calling
But serve you to the end.

**St. Joseph, husband of
the Blessed Virgin Mary (March 19)**

6. All praise, O God, for Joseph,
The guardian of your Son,
Who saved him from King Herod,
When safety there was none,
He taught the trade of building,
When they to Nazareth came,
And Joseph's love made "Father"
To be, for Christ, God's name.

St. Barnabas (June 11)

11. For Barnabas we praise you,
Who kept your law of love
And, leaving earthly treasures,
Sought riches from above.
Christ, our Lord and Savior,
Let gifts of grace descend,
That your true consolation
May through the world extend.

Annunciation of the Lord (March 25)

7. We sing with joy of Mary
Whose heart with awe was stirred
When, youthful and unready,
She heard the angel's word;
Yet she her voice upraises
God's glory to proclaim,
As once for our salvation
Your mother she became.

Nativity of St. John the Baptist (June 24)

12. All praise for John the Baptist,
Forerunner of the Word,
Our true Elijah, making
A highway for the Lord.
The last and greatest prophet,
He saw the dawning ray
Of light that grows in splendor
Until the perfect day.

St. Mark (April 25)

8. For Mark, O Lord, we praise you,
The weak by grace made strong;
His witness in his Gospel
Becomes victorious song,
May we, in all our weakness,
Receive your power divine,
And all, as faithful branches,
Grow strong in you, the Vine.

Peter and Paul (June 29)

13. We praise you for Saint Peter;
We praise you for Saint Paul.
They taught both Jew and Gentile
That Christ is all in all.
The cross and sword they yielded
And saw the kingdom come:
O God, your two apostles
Won life through martyrdom.

St. Thomas (July 3)

14. All praise, O Lord, for Thomas
 Whose short-lived doubtings prove
 Your perfect twofold nature,
 The depth of your true love.
 To all who live with questions
 A steadfast faith afford;
 And grant us grace to know you,
 Made flesh, yet God and Lord.

Your wine and oil, O Savior,
 Upon our spirits pour,
 And with true balm of Gilead
 Anoint us evermore.

Ss. Simon and Jude (October 28)

20. Praise, Lord, for your apostles,
 Saint Simon and Saint Jude.
 The love, one hope impelled them
 To tread the way, renewed.
 May we with zeal as earnest
 The faith of Christ maintain,
 Bound in love together,
 And life eternal gain.

St. Mary Magdalene (July 22)

15. All praise for Mary Magd'lene,
 Whose wholeness was restored
 By you, her faithful Master,
 Her Savior and her Lord.
 On Easter morning early,
 A word from you sufficed
 Her faith was first to see you,
 Her Lord, the risen Christ.

St. Andrew (November 30)

21. Praise, O Lord, for Andrew,
 The first to follow you;
 He witnessed to his brother,
 "This is Messiah true."
 You called him from his fishing
 Upon Lake Galilee;
 He rose to meet your challenge,
 "Leave all and follow me."

St. James (July 25)

16. O Lord, for James, we praise you,
 Who fell to Herod's sword
 He drank the cup of suff'ring
 And thus fulfilled your word.
 Lord, curb our vain impatient
 For glory and for fame,
 Equip us for such suff'ring
 As glorify your Name.

St. Stephen (December 26)

22. All praise, O Lord, for Stephen
 Who, martyred, saw you stand
 To help in time of torment,
 To plead at God's right hand.
 Like you, our suff'ring Savior,
 His enemies he blessed,
 With "Lord, receive my spirit,"
 His faith, in death, confessed.

St. Bartholomew (August 24)

17. Praise for your blest apostle
 Surnamed Bartholomew;
 We know not his achievements
 But know that he was true
 For he at the Ascension
 Was an apostle still.
 May we discern your presence
 And seek, like him, your will.

St. John (December 27)

23. For John, your loved disciple,
 Exiled to Patmos' shore,
 Prayed for his faithful record,
 We praise you evermore;
 Praise for the mystic vision
 His words to us unfold.
 Instill in us his longing,
 Your glory to behold.

St. Matthew (September 21)

18. We praise you, Lord, for Matthew,
 Whose gospel words declared
 That, worldly gain forsaking,
 Your path of life we share.
 From all unrighteous mammon,
 O raise our eyes anew,
 That we, whate'er our station,
 May rise and follow you.

Holy Innocents (December 28)

24. Praise for your infant martyrs,
 Whom your mysterious love
 Called early from life's conflicts
 To share your peace above.
 O Rachel, cease your weeping;
 They're free from pain and cares,
 O Lord, grant us crowns as brilliant
 And lives as pure as theirs.

St. Luke (October 18)

19. For Luke, belov'd physician,
 All praise; whose Gospel
 The healer of the nations,
 The one who shares our woes.

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